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SUBJECT: UNESCO/MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE BUREAU MEETING,
PARIS, APRIL 17-20

1. IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF FIFTH MAB INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING, BUREAU IDENTI-
FIED PROJECTS ON TROPICAL FRUITS, ARID LANDS, MOUNTAINS
AND BIOSPHERE SESSIONS ON AREAS WHICH SHOULD RECEIVE
MAJOR EMPHASIS OF MAB SECRETARIAT FOR NEXT TWO YEARS.
OBVIOUSLY TOO SMALL SECRETARIAT STAFF UNABLE TO COVER
ALL PROJECTS AND ABOVE APPEARED TO NEED PARTICULAR ATTEN-
TION. REMAINDER OF PROJECTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEVEL-
OPED, RELYING MORE ON INITIATIVE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES
AND REGIONAL GROUPS WITH SECRETARIAT PLAYING FACILITATING
ROLE. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THESE PROJECTS BETTER
ESTABLISHED AND CAN DEVELOP FOR NEXT TWO YEARS WITHOUT
LOSS OF MOMENTUM. QUESTION OF ADOPTING PROGRAM TO STAFF
SIZE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, WITH AGREEMENT THAT PERHAPS
THREE EXTRA PEOPLE, IF THEY COULD BE SECONDED, WOULD
RELIEVE CURRENT PRESSURE AND PERMIT MAXIMUM PROGRESS ON
ALL PROJECTS.

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2. JEFFERS (UK) REPORTED ON COMPUTERIZATION OF OUTLINES
OF PROJECTS WHICH CURRENTLY NUMBER 555 IN 53 COUNTRIES.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OBJECTIVES OF EACH PROJECT WILL
BE REQUESTED SHORTLY TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE AND COOPERA-
TION. SUDIA (US) DISCUSSED INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR MAB PROJECTS, DESCRIBING U.S. EFFORTS TO DATE

IN THIS AREA.

3. BUREAU APPROVED 16 ADDITIONAL BIOSPHERE RESERVES INCLUDING SIX IN USSR, ONE IN BYELORUSSIA, MONT ST. HILAIRE IN CANADA (SUGGEST INFORM ROBERTS-PICHETTE), AND BEAVER CREEK. THIS BRINGS TOTAL TO 144 RESERVES IN 35 COUNTRIES. ALSO APPROVAL GIVEN TO SERIES OF OBJECTIVES FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH, MONITORING, TRAINING AND CONSERVATION IN THESE AREAS.

4. SOKOLOV (USSR) PROPOSED TWO INTERNATIONAL MAB SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES BE HELD -- ON TROPICAL FORESTS AND BIOSPHERE RESERVES -- THE FIRST IN ABOUT TWO YEARS. SECRETARIAT AGREED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY IN COOPERATION WITH UNEP.

5. MEETING PRODUCTIVE PROVIDING GUIDANCE UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON VARIETY OF DETAILS. KADURA, ASST. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SYMPATHETIC TO NEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF AND RECOGNIZES PROGRAM AS ONE OF "UNESCO'S MOST EFFECTIVE." HE STRESSED NEED FOR PRODUCING INFORMATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

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